



Minutes of Squash NZ Board Meeting.

- Held:** Tuesday May 14, 2013, Telephone Conference Call. 7.00pm
- Present:** Wayne Werder (Chair), Tony Johnston, Tony Alexander, Linda Kenny, Andrew Eade, Toni-Maree Carnie and Jim O'Grady (Chief Executive).
- Apologies:** Toni-Maree Carnie (lateness), Leah Goodhew.
- Disclosure of Interest:** Wayne Werder (Sport BoP) re Coaching Director's role.
Andrew Eade (Sport NZ) re Coaching Director's role.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held March 15, 2013 were accepted as a true and correct record.
Moved: LK/TJ. Carried
- Matters Arising:** JO to invite Neil McAra to join the A&R Committee in an ad-hoc capacity.
- TJ advised that 29 clubs had signed to Bounceback with another 5 pending. It was important to get to the 50 mark but SNZ would negotiate with Crombie Lockwood to see if that number might be reduced so that stage 2 could be activated.
- SNZ had purchased a second hand motor vehicle for the Chief Executive.
- The out of meeting resolution to ratify the selection of the Senior Men's Team to represent NZ at the World Men's Team Championships in France for 2013 was unanimously approved.
Moved: LK/TA. Carried
- The out of meeting resolution to approve the sending of a NZ team to the World Junior Women's Championships in Poland for 2013 was unanimously approved.
Moved: LK/TA Carried
- It was resolved that the existing SNZ policy on eyewear remain unchanged.
Moved: TJ/LK. Carried

1. Management Reports.

The management reports having been previously circulated were taken as read. AE felt the new format for the CE report contained too much operational detail and it was agreed to provide an executive summary in future.

JO provided an update on the Olympic bid. The Executive Board of the IOC will meet May 29-31 to recommend the sports to go forward to the IOC General Assembly in September. It is likely that 3 sports will be put forward with 1 to be confirmed in September. Wrestling, Squash and Karate are the frontrunners at this stage. JO to meet with Barry Maister from NZOC, to discuss the squash bid and why squash should be in the Olympics.

On Monday May 13 SNZ, Squash Canterbury and the Christchurch Squash Club attended the hearings for the Christchurch City Council 3 year draft plan. All three parties made formal written submissions to the plan requesting that squash be included in the planning for the proposed Metro Sports Facility. It was a compelling presentation especially as the Christchurch Squash Club might bring over \$2m to the project. The outcome of the hearing should be known within 3 months.

On Thursday May 16 a meeting has been arranged between the presidents of the South Island districts with Willie Bicknell also in attendance representing the clubs in the top of the South Island who are part of Squash Wellington. The focus of the meeting was to explore how squash could be better delivered throughout the South Island and what was required to make that happen.

It was agreed to establish an IT advisory group to develop a long term strategy for iSquash exploring possible options for the future development of the platform including expenditure as well as the potential to market the product to other sports. JO to develop suitable TOR for the group and seek expressions of interest via the SNZ website as well as approaching other interested parties. It was envisaged that a recommendation would be ready for the 2013 SNZ agm. TA would be the SNZ Board representative on the group.

2. Finances.

The SNZ financial reports to 31/3/2013 were approved as a true and correct.
Moved: AE / TJ. Carried

WW noted grant funding was below budget. JO advised SNZ had applied for over \$140k of grant funding with a less than 30% success rate. Grant funding was challenging with districts also applying to the same funders for squash projects. Applications to the Lion Foundation had increased threefold in the last 12 months and the pool of money available had decreased.

JO commented on the Club Kelburn financial reports for the first quarter of 2013 with turnover for the gym and squash up on the previous year. Rob Walker is continuing discussions with the WCC re the lease. TJ and JO to visit Club Kelburn June 14 to conduct audit and stocktake.

3. Audit and Risk Policies.

The Board approved the revised Audit and Risk policies following the recommendations from the previous Board meeting.

4. Rebranding.

Only two district responses had been received to date. It was agreed that rebranding be included on the agenda for the mid-year presidents meeting with Grant Smith to present on the reasons why it is a good time for SNZ to rebrand and what was happening in the sporting community.

5. Mid-Year Presidents Meeting.

WW proposed the theme for the meeting had a district focus and that district presidents be asked for their ideas on agenda items.

The following were considered as possible agenda items with WW and JO to develop further.

- 1. South Island – Update on discussions and possible changes (Stu Camp)
- 2. Christchurch Metro Sports Facility (Stu Camp)
- 3. Rebranding (Grant Smith)
- 4. Affiliation (Ash Brownrigg)
- 5. Marketing
- 6. Technology / iSquash

6. General Business.

Board members summarised their district buddies reports.

A Roadshow report to be sent to the Board (Development Director)

LK and TJ commented favourably on the Roadshow and the work done by the SNZ representatives.

It was agreed that the next meeting include two questions from the Sport NZ Core Governance Functions questionnaire.

JO provided an update on the NZSSSA Championships to be held in the Waikato during August. Geoff Ellis had provided an assurance that all arrangements for hosting the event were in place and he was satisfied that the event organiser had everything fully under control.

7. Motions to Apply for Funding.

The SNZ Executive Council agrees to apply for funding to support a range of activities as and when required.

Moved: Wayne Werder/ Tony Johnston Carried.

8. Next Meeting

Friday, July 5, 6.00pm. Jet Inn, Auckland.

9. Meeting ended 8.14pm

Signed.....Chair, Squash New Zealand.

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